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News Briefs

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Star Spangled Festival

The 29th Annual Star Spangled Festival is set for July 4 from 3 to 10 p.m. at the Amphitheater Grounds. The event will include a free concert by Tops In Blue at 8 p.m. followed by fireworks. There will be food and beverage booths, a carnival and games. No backpacks, coolers, weapons, video cameras or pets will be allowed on the event grounds (unless it's an assistance or guide dog). Entrance will be through the Gateway East Gate only. For more information, call Larry Overtown at 671-3906.

School physicals

The Wilford Hall Adolescent Clinic has set the following dates for school physical: July 13, July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 10 and Aug. 17. Call 916-9900 to set up an afternoon appointment. These physical are for healthy children, 7 to 18 years of age, and are accomplished by processing through a line to three or four stations. When all stations are completed, the child will see a provider on an individual basis. If your child has special needs, a chronic illness, or requires a medication refill, schedule an individual appointment, not on one of these Friday afternoons. For additional information call 292-6604.

Volunteers needed

Docents are needed for the History and Traditions Museum on Lackland. The volunteers help educate folks on the vital role the Air Force played in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq. The point of contact is Fernando Cortez at 671-3055.

Accompanist needed

Arnold Hall Community Center is looking for a volunteer accompanist to help with Missoula Children's Theater July 11, 12 and 13. This year's play is "The Wiz of the West" and the accompanist will be needed for rehearsals July 11, 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the show July 13 from 3-5 p.m. For additional information, call Zuhul Rick at 671-2619/2352.

60th anniversary:

Enlisted Training at Lackland

Enlisted training at Lackland began in November 1942 when the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center Recruit Detachment received their first enlisted recruits. The

Hill, still an extension of Kelly Field at the time, trained personnel to fill the ranks of the Gulf Coast Training Command.

Trainees lived out of tents in the area where Wilford Hall Medical Center is June 22. Another organization, the 884th Pre-Flight Squadron, conducted basic training in place of the Recruit Detachment by 1944.

At the close of World War II, the doors on most Army Air Forces training bases were closed. However, the War Department redesignated the base as the Army Air Forces Military Training Center on Feb. 1, 1946, and gave it the sole basic military training mission for the Army Air Forces.

The Gateway to the Air Force accurately described Lackland as of 1947. Only when world events called for an increase in manpower did we expand to other stateside and overseas bases to conduct basic training.

MOAA luncheon set

Brig. (Dr.) Gen. David G. Young III, 59th Medical Wing commander, will be the keynote speaker at the Military Officers Association of America-Alamo Chapter luncheon June 28, 11 a.m., at the Gateway Club. He will discuss BRAC developments, TRICARE Prime and TRICARE for Life changes, and the new clinic and pharmacy center. Social hour is 11 to 11:45 a.m. with the luncheon and program to follow. The cost is \$16 a person. For reservations, call 228-9955 by June 25.

Communications tech expo

The 37th Communications Squadron will host the 12th annual Communication & Information Technology Expo on June 27, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Mitchell Hall. More than 30 exhibitors will be showing off their latest technology. The event is free to all DoD and contractor personnel. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the show producer, Federal Direct Access Expositions, toll free at 877-332-3976, or Airman 1st Class Lance Rose, 671-3200.

Vacation Bible School

Registration is under way for this year's Vacation Bible School set for June 25 to June 29, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Freedom Chapel. Children 3 years of age up to fifth-graders can attend "Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride Through God's Word." Children will experience Bible Point crafts, games, music, Bible stories and a meal. Registration forms are available at Freedom Chapel. Adult volunteers are needed. For more information contact Donna Melusky at 671-4208.

Pro wrestling at Lackland

The Texas Wrestling Massacre is scheduled for June 30 at the Chaparral Fitness Center. Former stars of World Wrestling Entertainment, World Championship Wrestling and Total Nonstop Action Wrestling will be featured. The event, sponsored by 37th Services Division, International Championship Wrestling and Anheiser Busch, is free to all active-duty military personnel. The entrance fee for everyone else is \$3. For more information, call Larry Overton at 671-3906.

Medical survey planned

The 37th Medical Group has requested a survey to assist in improving the delivery of quality health care. The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc. will conduct the survey July 18-20. The survey will be used to evaluate the 37th MDG's compliance with AAAHC standards for ambulatory health care for accreditation purposes.

Members of the public, patients and 37th MDG staff members, believing they have pertinent and valid information about the 37th MDG's provision of health care or compliance with AAAHC standards, may request an information presentation with AAAHC surveyors, or may communicate such information in writing or by telephone to the AAAHC. Requests for presentation must be received at least two weeks prior to the survey.

Write to Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, 5250 Old Orchard Road, Suite 200, Skokie, IL 60077, or telephone (847) 853-6060, or fax to (847) 853-9028.

2007 Training Symposium

The 2007 Air Education and Training Symposium is scheduled for Sept. 5 to 7 in San Antonio. It aims to adapt training programs to better prepare Airmen to operate in a wartime environment.

To be held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, the symposium will feature four tracks of instruction: expeditionary warfighter; deciphering culture; the long war; and accelerating change. Each track will have many courses, and participants can choose lectures from any track, essentially tailoring the symposium to their own needs and interests.

Events begin Sept. 5 with a luncheon and golf tournament at Pecan Valley Golf Club. Luncheons also are set for Sept. 6 and 7. Keynote speakers are Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John D.W. Corley and Lt. Gen. Gary L. North, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander.

The symposium concludes with the Air Force 60th Anniversary Ball Sept. 7. Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne will be the keynote speaker.

For more information or to register, log on to <https://www.2007aetcsymposium.com>.

Lunchtime seminar

Team Lackland career assistance advisors will be hosting a Lunchtime Professional Development Seminar on June 25, 11:30 a.m., at the Skylark Community Center. This month's topic is "Mentoring Tools."

The seminar is open to officers, enlisted and civilians. If you intend to bring lunch, it must be brought from home, or be purchased from the Skylark Bowling Center or Skylark snack bar.

Mediator training

The next Air Force Basic Mediation Course is scheduled for July 23-27 at the HR Management School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. This 30-hour course is centrally funded by the Secretary of the Air Force General Counsel's Office. To attend, a nomination must be submitted by the end of May. Selection is by the Lackland Alternative

Dispute Resolution Program managers. If you feel you have the patience and communicative skills needed to be a peacemaker, contact Lackland ADR Program Manager Norm Jacobson, 671-0413, or e-mail him.

Periodontics patients

The Wilford Hall Medical Center Department of Periodontics is seeking patients with specific needs for treatment in the Periodontics Residency Program.

Applicants must be a military retiree, a family member of a retiree, or a family member of an active-duty military member and must have been recently determined by a dentist to require periodontal specialty treatment. Individuals enrolled in the Dependents' Dental Plan are not eligible for treatment unless they have exceeded their annual coverage. Eligible patients must obtain a written consult from their referring dentist. This consult may be faxed to "Attention, Periodontics" at 292-5193, or it can be brought directly to the MacKown Dental Clinic during normal business hours.

Patients will be selected for treatment based on the needs of the periodontal training program. The Department of Periodontics provides treatment of the gums and bone support of teeth and implants. For more information, call 292-4773 during normal duty hours.

Civilian family leave

When employees are charged sick leave (LS) for reasons related to the Family Friendly Leave Act or the Family and Medical Leave Act, the appropriate "Pay Code" should be written under the "Environmental Hazard Pay Block" on employee timesheets. Use one of the following codes:

DA – birth of son/daughter or care of newborn; DB – adoption or foster care; DC – care for spouse, son, daughter or parent with serious health condition; DD – serious health condition of employee; DE – federal employee Family Friendly Leave for family care or Bereavement; DF – adoption related.

For more information, go to the OPM Family Leave Policy at <https://www.opm.gov/oca/leave/>.

Middle managers drive

The Team Lackland Middle Manager's Association is recruiting new members. Call Tech. Sgts. James Wooding, 671-5458, or Jamie Hedrick, 925-2975.